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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Rce/2812
PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:
Inventor(s): Peter J. Hopper et al.
Appln. No.: 10/ 727,451

Group Art Unit 2812
Examiner: Nguyen, Ha T.
Atty. Dkt. 100-18011
No. P05268-D01-C1

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Title: Method of Forming a Dual Damascene Metal Trace with Reduced RF Impedance Resulting From the Skin Effect

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

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This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed Amendment.
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
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5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.
6. ☒ The Enclosed Non-Publish Request.
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